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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: RUMORS OF US-NORTH KOREA
CONTACT (S/S NO. 7514118)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ZURHELLEN, ACTING EA

1. IN PAST COUPLE OF DAYS WE HAVE HAD TWO PRESS QUERIES
HERE ASKING FOR COMMENT ON RUMORS THAT AN AMERICAN
REPRESENTATIVE HAD MET WITH NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM
IL SUNG DURING HIS RECENT TRAVELS. THESE WERE TURNED
OFF BY EA, AT HABIB'S INSTRUCTION, AS BEING UNTRUE.

2. EMBASSY BUCHAREST NOW REPORTS THAT JAPANESE DCM THERE
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS STATED GOJ HAD PICKED UP RUMOR TO
EFFECT QUOTE A REPRESENTATIVE OF DR. KISSINGER UNQUOTE
HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH KIM IL SUNG OR HIS PARTY IN
BUCHAREST. DCM ASKED IF THIS WAS TRUE AND IF SO WHAT
WAS DISCUSSED. HE INDICATED SAME QUESTION WOULD BE PUT
TO USG IN SEOUL AND WASHINGTON.

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3. THIS LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE STORIES THAT MAY PICK UP MOMENTUM AND APPEAR IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. IT MIGHT BE WELL TO SCOTCH IT AT ONCE, AND I RECOMMEND YOU GIVE US AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT FOR USE IN ANSWER

TO ANY INQUIRIES.

4. SCOWCROFT CONCURS IN PUTTING THIS QUESTION TO YOU.

5. RECOMMENDATION; THAT YOU AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO INSTRUCT EMBASSY BUCHAREST TO REPLY TO THE JAPANESE DCM THAT THE RUMOR THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF DR. KISSINGER MET WITH KIM IL SUNG OR HIS PARTY DURING HIS RECENT TRAVELS IS UNTRUE, AND THAT A SIMILAR REPLY BE GIVEN TO ANY OTHER QUERY OF THIS NATURE THAT MAY ARISE.

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